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SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is it a fact that as a concession for giving up the claim for a separate food zone, the Central Government agreed to supply the entire requirements of rice of our State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is no such thing.

Electricity tariff rates

* 306 Q.—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state the increase or decrease in income per year that will be derived by the Government under the revised electricity tariff rates?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The additional revenue per annum that will be derived by the State Electricity Board is estimated to be about Rs. 70 lakhs. This is based on the revenue realised during 1958-59.

SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : இப்படி உயர்த்திய மின்சார கட்டணத்தை குறைப்பதற்கு சர்க்காருக்கு ஏதாவது உத்தேசம் உண்டா ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : இதைப்பற்றி பல இடங்களிலிருந்து கோரிக்கைகள் வந்திருக்கின்றன. அதையெல்லாம் பரிசீலனை செய்து கொண்டிருக்கிறோம்.

Lorry booking agencies

* 318 Q.—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Madras State Lorry Owners' Association, Tiruchirappalli Branch, gave a memorandum to the Hon. the Minister on 28th May 1959 requesting the introduction of the system of licensing Lorry Booking agencies; and

(b) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have decided to license lorry booking agents. They have published necessary draft amendments to the rules. The question of confirming them is under consideration.

City traffic islands

* 320 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Highways Research Station of the State Government in Guindy has drawn up fresh designs for some of the traffic islands on the City roads for orderly movement of traffic; and

(b) if so, the details of the same?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) & (b) The Director, Highways Research Station has submitted to the Chief Engineer (Highways) fresh designs for the formation of traffic islands in the following places—

(1) G.S.T. Road and Mount-Poonamallee Road intersection.

(2) Mount Road, Eldams Road and Theagaraya Road intersection.

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(3) Mount Road and Bodyguard Road intersection.

(4) Poonamallee High Road and New Overbridge Road in lieu of McNichols Road intersection.

(5) West Cott Road, Peters Road and Besant Road intersection.

(6) Beach Road and Edward Elliots Road intersection.

(7) General Hospital Road and Evening Bazaar Road intersection.

(8) Mount Road, Cathedral Road and Nungambakkam High Road intersection.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : May I know Sir, whether these recommendations have been accepted by the Government, and if so, how much it will cost to implement them?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The recommendations have just been forwarded to the Chief Engineer and his report is awaited.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : May I know Sir, whether these fresh designs do differ from the existing traffic islands that are now in use in the City?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : This report has just come up to the Chief Engineer and the Government are yet to receive his report.

SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER : May I know Sir, when were these designs received and what action has been taken so far? Were not islands remodelled accordingly?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I just now said that we have not received the report from the Chief Engineer.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, is there any proposal to instal automatic traffic lights in our City and if so, in how many places?

MR. SPEAKER : That is a separate question. If the Hon. Minister is willing to answer, I have no objection.

*** 321 Q.—SRI M. P. SARATHI :** கனம் மின்சார அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்கு பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) சென்னை நகரில் (The City Traffic Plan) சாலப்போக்கு வரத்து பற்றி புனரமைப்புத் திட்டங்கள் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டுள்ளனவா ?

(ஆ) உடனடியாக நிறைவேற்றப்படும் திட்டங்கள் எவை ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) & (b) The Commissioner of Police, Madras, has prepared a plan to improve the quick movement of traffic in the City. The City Traffic Committee while considering this plan has recommended the constitution of a working group to prepare a complete plan which may go into the Third Five-Year Plan and another to prepare a plan for the improvement of traffic movement on Mount Road. These recommendations are, under the consideration of Government.